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To

THE CURATORS OF PATRONAGE

OF THE

CHAIR OF MEDICINE

IN THE

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Medicine now vacant in the University by the resignation of Professor Wyllie.

I received my medical education at the University of Edinburgh, where I graduated as Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery in 1872, and as Doctor of Medicine in 1878, when I was awarded a Gold Medal for my Graduation Thesis.

I am also a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians in Edinburgh and in London, and Senior Physician on the Honorary Staff of the Great Northern Central Hospital in London.

After graduating in Edinburgh, I studied at the Universities of Berlin and Würzburg, chiefly under Professors Virchow, Frerichs, Kölliker, and Gerhardt.

In 1874 I settled in London, and comparatively early acquired a large general practice. This I abandoned in 1892 to devote myself to the study and practice of medicine as a speciality, and to fit myself for a post such as that I now seek.

The opportunity for such a candidature, from the nature of things and happily, does not present itself often in the lifetime of the individual, but, when the Chair of the Practice of Medicine became vacant in Glasgow on the resignation of the late Sir William T. Gairdner, I applied for it, although unsuccessfully, and append some testimonials I received from supporters at that time, as well as a few in furtherance of my present candidature.

In 1894 I was elected one of the Physicians to the Great Northern Central Hospital, and have been attached to that Institution ever since, being now, as I have said, Senior on the Medical Staff.

I also held for considerable periods Physiciancies to the Paddington Green Children's Hospital and the St. Marylebone General Dispensary.

In addition, I hold a special appointment as Physician in Charge of Heart Cases to the Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest.

I am a Fellow and Member of various Medical and Scientific Societies, such as the Royal Society of Medicine, the Medical Society of London, the Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Anatomical Society of Great Britain.

I have delivered Courses of Lectures at the Great Northern Central Hospital, the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, and the Medical Graduates College and Polyclinic in London, besides giving Addresses before some Medical Societies.

While my published work has dealt chiefly with the Nature and Treatment of Diseases of the Heart and Circulation, my connection with General Hospitals has afforded me ample opportunities of becoming conversant with disease as a whole in the sphere of the Physician,

I add a list of some of my published Books, Articles, Lectures Addresses, and Papers.

Should you do me the honour of electing me to the Chair of Medicine in my Alma Mater, I propose to devote myself wholly to the work of that post in the Class-room and Wards, believing that the teaching and investigative functions of such an office, in so important a centre of medical education as the University of Edinburgh, demand all the time and energy of the incumbent, as in the case of other scientific and teaching Chairs.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER MORISON.

14, UPPER BERKELEY STREET,
PORTMAN SQUARE, LONDON, W. ;

December 12th, 1914.

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(b) Dilatation of Sphincters as a Therapeutic Measure.

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(d) On Suppressed Disease.

(e) On Tone.

(f) On the Treatment of Angina Pectoris.

(g) On the Hypodermic and Rectal Injection of Remedies in Cardiac Disease.

(h) On the Mechanism of Passive Pulmonary Congestion.

(i) A Case of Hemiplegia due to Whooping-cough.

7. **The Nature and Treatment of Cyanosis.**

Practitioner, Vol. XL, 1888.

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*From Sir JAMES GOODHART, Bart., M.D.Aberd., F.R.C.P.
 Lond., Consulting Physician to Guy's Hospital; late
 Lecturer on Pathology at Guy's Hospital and Examiner
 in Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians in
 London.*

25, PORTLAND PLACE,
 LONDON, W. ; *December 8th, 1914.*

DR. ALEXANDER MORISON is well known to me. Years ago his writings attracted my attention, as of one who, when he spoke, had always something to say that was worth thinking over, and now in the course of many years he has consistently pursued his original investigation. His work has more especially dealt with the physiology and pathology of the heart, and it has always aimed at elucidating the obscure problems of clinical medicine and making it more precisely applicable to the treatment of the disease.

When, therefore, after years of study and experience he now offers himself as a candidate for the Chair of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh, Dr. MORISON'S claims are based upon a ripe and knowledge ul judgment that need the most careful consideration, and added thereto I would say that he brings to all his work a vigour and freshness of expression that makes him both an interesting exponent of his subject, and, better still, a stimulating teacher.

JAMES F. GOODHART.

From FREDERICK TAYLOR, M.D., F.R.C.P., *Consulting Physician to Guy's Hospital; President of the Royal Society of Medicine; Examiner in Medicine to the Universities of London, Durham, Birmingham, Cambridge, and Belfast, etc.*

20, WIMPOLE STREET,
CAVENDISH SQUARE,
LONDON, W. ; *December 12th, 1914.*

I UNDERSTAND that Dr. ALEXANDER MORISON is a candidate for the vacant Chair of Medicine at the University of Edinburgh, and I have much pleasure in recording my opinion of him in relation to that office. I have seen a good deal of Dr. MORISON; I have read many of his articles in the medical journals and transactions of societies, and I have discussed difficult cases of illness with him. I consider that he has not only a thorough knowledge of his profession, which, of course, he must have, but that he has a clear, scientific, and at the same time common-sense way of looking both at isolated cases and the general problems of medicine which especially commends itself to me. I have heard him speak; he is clear, concise, and impresses me with the idea that he has thoroughly thought out and studied the subject, and can present it to his audience in a convincing form. He has made many valuable contributions to medicine, chiefly in reference to diseases of the heart, and he has had in London large opportunities of studying these and other diseases of the chest at the hospitals to which he has been attached as physician.

I am confident that he would prove, as Professor of Medicine, to be an attractive and able teacher, whether in the lecture theatre or at the bedside, while he is certain to add his quota to what is known of the science of medicine.

FREDERICK TAYLOR.

From LEONARD GUTHRIE, M.A., M.D.Oxon., F.R.C.P.
 Lond., *Senior Physician to the Paddington Green
 Children's Hospital; Physician to the Hospital for
 Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, London.*

15, UPPER BERKELEY STREET,
 PORTMAN SQUARE,
 LONDON, W.; *December 11th, 1914.*

HEARING that Dr. ALEXANDER MORISON aspires to the Chair of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh, I take the greatest pleasure in doing all in my power to advance his claim to so honourable and dignified an office.

It is an open secret to all his many friends that Dr. MORISON's ambition has always soared in this direction, and that more than twenty years ago he left a large and lucrative private practice in order to qualify himself more fully for a Professorship in Medicine. Since then, by close application and indefatigable labour, he has become a widely known authority on the Heart and its diseases. But he has not merely specialised in a single subject. His numerous appointments, particularly at a large general hospital like the Great Northern, of which he is the Senior Physician, have given him invaluable experience and rendered him equally proficient in every department of medicine. He is an eloquent and enthusiastic teacher, and his Post-Graduate lectures at Hospital and at the Polyclinic have always attracted large audiences.

It is difficult for an old and intimate friend to speak of Dr. MORISON's social and personal character without seeming either fulsome or luke-warm. I can only say that a Professor of Medicine at an ancient University must

needs be courteous and courtly, genial, kind and sympathetic, hospitable and friendly to all, in order to prove worthy of the electors' choice. Dr. MORISON possesses all these qualities in full measure, and by them he has endeared himself to all who know him. His success in attaining the goal of his life's ambition would rejoice his many friends, who would gladly recognise that success may be well-deserved.

LEONARD GUTHRIE.

*From E. CLIFFORD BEALE, M.A., M.B.Cantab., F.R.C.P.
Lond., Consulting Physician to the Great Northern
Central Hospital and to the City of London Hospital for
Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, London, etc.*

ROTHERFIELD ; *December, 1914.*

FOR the last twenty years it has been my privilege to be associated with Dr. ALEXANDER MORISON on the Staff of the Great Northern Hospital, in London.

It gives me great pleasure to testify to the high esteem in which he is held by everyone, as a scientific physician, as a pioneer in certain branches of research and as a recognised authority on Cardiac Pathology and Therapeutics.

His published work speaks for itself. His personal geniality and the philosophic attributes of his mind are best known to his intimates, who will one and all rejoice to see him attain to a public position where these qualities will be more widely appreciated.

E. CLIFFORD BEALE.

From GEORGE F. JOHNSTON, M.D.Edin., M.R.C.P.Lond.,
Senior Physician to the Mount Vernon Hospital for Con-
sumption and Diseases of the Chest, etc.

23, SEYMOUR STREET,
 PORTMAN SQUARE, W. ;
December 12th, 1914.

DR. ALEXANDER MORISON has informed me that he is a candidate for the Chair of Practice of Physic in the University of Edinburgh. It gives me very great pleasure to state that, in my opinion, it would be impossible to find anyone more suited for the occupation of this most important position in my own Alma Mater. Dr. MORISON's reputation is so great and he is so well-known to the medical profession both in London and in Edinburgh that it may well be regarded as presumption on my part to point out what I believe to be his special claims to such a Professorship. But, even at the risk of incurring this criticism, I cannot refrain from attempting to show how admirably his own great natural gifts and his wide experience fit him for the duties of this office.

Dr. MORISON is a public speaker of no mean order, has had much experience in lecturing to post-graduate classes, and has a lucid and convincing manner of marshalling his facts that make them particularly easy to grasp and to remember—a most important quality in a teacher of such a subject as Medicine. As a clinician his experience has been very great. For over twenty years he has been connected as Physician with London Hospitals: the Great Northern Central Hospital, a large general one, of which he is at present the Senior Physician; the Paddington Green Children's Hospital; and he also

honours us by his presence, as Physician for Diseases of the Heart, on the Honorary Staff of the Mount Vernon Hospital. Here his work is greatly appreciated by his colleagues, not least by myself. As a colleague he is all that can be desired.

In the field of Clinical Research he has done remarkably good work, which his published writings bear witness to. His recent book, 'Sensory and Motor Disorders of the Heart,' is a work of the highest value.

Although much of his attention has been devoted to the heart, he is also an accomplished all-round Clinician and his knowledge of medicine in all its departments is wide and deep.

In laboratory work, his researches into the innervation of the viscera are everywhere well known and highly appreciated.

Dr. MORISON tells me that should he be successful in his Candidature for the Chair he would abandon all private practice and devote his energies entirely to its duties. This undivided attention to teaching and ward work would be a very great advantage to all concerned.

I may add that he is a gentleman who is much liked and respected by all who know him and who inspires a feeling of real affection in those who have the privilege of being more intimately acquainted with him.

I may end with the assurance that as a lecturer, a clinician, a laboratory research worker, and as a man, it would be difficult to find anyone more suitable than Dr. MORISON.

GEORGE JOHNSTON.

From W. BARRIE DOW, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed., LL.D.
St.And., *Assessor to the University of St. Andrews, etc.*

COMELY PARK HOUSE,
DUMFERMLINE, FIFE;
December 15th, 1914.

IT is with great pleasure that I testify to the high opinion I have of Dr. ALEXANDER MORISON. I have seen a great deal of Dr. MORISON the last few years, and I have been much impressed by the amount and quality of original work he has been able to accomplish. His 'Lectures on the Nervous System' and his treatise on 'The Disorders of the Heart' demonstrate that he possesses all the qualities of a first class scientific investigator. I, therefore, venture to support Dr. MORISON'S claims to the Chair of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh on the grounds of his experience and success as a teacher, and the zeal and capacity he has shown as an investigator.

W. BARRIE DOW.

From JOHN MITCHELL BRUCE, M.A.Aberd., M.D.Lond.,
F.R.C.P.Lond., LL.D.(Hon.)Aberd., *Consulting Physi-
cian to Charing Cross Hospital and to the Brompton
Hospital for Consumption, etc.*

23, HARLEY STREET,
LONDON, W.;
December 14th, 1914.

THE appointment of Dr. ALEXANDER MORISON to the Chair of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh would be a fitting mark of the accomplishment of his work as a Physician. I have been in a position to watch over his career with close interest for the past thirty years, and have observed how his acquaintance with Physic in general, and with the pathology and treatment of diseases of the heart in particular—built on the sure foundation of an intimate knowledge of Natural Science and Medicine acquired in his Alma Mater, and thoroughly tested by experience in an extensive practice—has grown both in breadth and soundness, and has won for him a recognised position in the Profession.

I would add that I have always been struck by Dr. MORISON'S faculty of ready and lucid exposition, a qualification peculiarly important, indeed essential, of the holder of a Chair in a Scotch University.

J. MITCHELL BRUCE.

From CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.,
F.R.S., LL.D.Glasg., *Regius Professor of Physic,*
University of Cambridge.

ST. RADEGUND'S, CAMBRIDGE;
June, 1900.

AMONG the more recent writers on the subject of diseases of the heart, Dr. A. MORISON has taken a considerable place.

In respect of the physiology of the circulation he shows a firm grip of physical laws, and of the treatment of its diseases; a critical and unbiassed conception of the relative values of the means at our command, whether drugs or other means. I refer in the first place to Dr. MORISON'S works on heart diseases, because I first made his acquaintance when, in conjunction with the late Sir RICHARD QUAIN, he proposed to the Royal Society a new explanation of the causes of the sounds of the heart, and I was led to read his subsequent works on this and allied subjects.

But, with the opinion I have formed of Mr. MORISON'S energy, ability, and wide attainments, I may with some confidence, presume that he carries into all the departments of medicine the same knowledge and intellectual grasp which he has shown, more particularly in respect of diseases of the heart, both in his well-known book on the subject, from which I have taken many illustrations for my own lectures, and in other scattered papers. I consider Dr. MORISON, therefore, a highly qualified candidate for a Professorship of Medicine.

CLIFFORD ALLBUTT.

Note.—Sir CLIFFORD ALLBUTT permits me to use this testimonial on the present occasion, being unable to testify afresh, having already written in favour of another candidate before I applied to him.

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From Sir W. H. BROADBENT, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., LL.D.Edin. & St. And., Physician-Extraordinary to H.M. the Queen; Physician-in-Ordinary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Consulting Physician to St. Mary's Hospital, the London Fever Hospital, New Hospital for Women, etc.; late Senior Physician and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine and Physiology, St. Mary's Hospital; late Examiner in Medicine to the University of Cambridge, the University of London, and the Royal College of Physicians.

84, BROOK STREET,
GROSVENOR SQUARE,
LONDON, W. ; *June 12th, 1900.*

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that I have known Dr. ALEXANDER MORISON for many years, and that I entertain a very high opinion of his professional attainments.

His work early attracted my attention, and I have continued to follow it with great interest. His contributions, both scientific and clinical, have been characterised by thoroughness and originality, and he has in various directions advanced medical knowledge. From his extensive and varied practical experience, and the capacity for exposition he has shown in his writings and in his Morison Lectures before the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, I consider him to be highly qualified to occupy a Chair of Medicine.

W. H. BROADBENT.

From LIONEL S. BEALE, F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., *Emeritus Professor and Fellow of King's College, London; for many years Professor of Physiology, Pathology, and afterwards of Medicine; Government Medical Referee for England.*

61, GROSVENOR STREET,
LONDON, W. ; *June 11th, 1900.*

DR. ALEXANDER MORISON is, I consider, eminently qualified by scientific attainments and extensive professional knowledge and experience, to discharge the duties of one of the most important Professorships of Medicine in the Kingdom—that of the University of Glasgow.

His scientific work in connection with the Morison Lectures, delivered before the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, in 1897 and 1898, affords evidence of his knowledge and grasp of highly complex medical problems, as well as of exceptional skill in the investigation of difficult scientific details bearing in a most important manner on broad questions, such as, for example, the means by which the varying rate of blood-flow is governed and regulated in the minute vessels distributed to the several tissues and organs of the body, and how very slight departures from the healthy condition are determined, and the principles upon which the normal state of the circulation may be restored.

I have seen many of Dr. MORISON'S specimens which demonstrate many points of great scientific interest and importance in connection with the question of origin and distribution of nerves, and the facts ascertained have a very important bearing upon nerve action and the ques-

tion of the nature of the changes which occur in nerve-centres.

There is good reason for my opinion that, should he be appointed, Dr. MORISON will make the best use of the high position and great advantages afforded him, and devote himself to the utmost of his power to sustain and increase in every way the very high repute of the Chair of Medicine in the University of Glasgow, and by his own investigations extend and advance medical science.

Dr. MORISON has had large experience in professional duties, increased during several years past by his appointment as one of the Physicians to the Great Northern Hospital, to the Children's Hospital at Paddington, and to the St. Marylebone Dispensary, and I feel confident he would be in all respects an excellent Professor and Clinical Teacher, and one who would successfully discharge the difficult but highly important task of teaching Medicine, and assisting and instructing his pupils in their work, as well as by applying the results of scientific research to advancing our methods of preventing and treating disease and of relieving suffering.

LIONEL S. BEALE.

From FREDERICK T. ROBERTS, M.D., F.R.C.P., etc.;
*Holme Professor of Clinical Medicine (late Professor of
 Medicine) at University College; Physician to University
 Hospital; Consulting Physician to Brompton Consump-
 tion Hospital; President of the Medical Society of
 London, etc.*

102, HARLEY STREET,
 CAVENDISH SQUARE,
 LONDON, W.; *May 26th, 1900.*

DR. ALEXANDER MORISON is well known as an accomplished and able physician, both scientific and practical, and one who has kept up with the times in a very thorough manner. He has held important appointments in London, which have afforded him most valuable and varied experience, and has been a persistent hard worker during his whole medical career. The numerous contributions to medical literature by Dr. MORISON are of a high order of merit, and show much originality and power of observation. In addition to my general knowledge of his professional attainments, and of the eminent position which he occupies, I had the privilege recently of listening to his communication, which he read at the Medical Society, and am fully convinced that he will make an interesting and attractive lecturer.

I have much pleasure in expressing my opinion that Dr. MORISON is in all respects admirably qualified for the Chair of the Practice of Physic at the University of Glasgow, and feel sure that if elected he will perform the duties connected therewith efficiently and conscientiously.

FREDERICK T. ROBERTS.

From M. LE DOCTEUR BABINSKI, *Médecin de l'Hôpital de
la Pitié.*

170 BIS BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN,
PARIS ; 30 *Mai*, 1900.

TRÈS HONORÉ CONFRÈRE,—J'apprend avec plaisir votre candidature à la Chaire de Médecine de l'Université de Glasgow. Vos remarquables leçons que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser, et que je suis très heureux de posséder, constitueront, j'en suis convaincu, un titre de grande valeur. Je serais très heureux d'avoir bientôt à vous féliciter de votre nomination, qui serait on ne peut plus justifiée, et je vous prie, très honoré confrère, d'agréer l'assurance de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

J. BABINSKI.

From R. PEEL RITCHIE, M.D., F.R.C.P.Edin., Ex-President of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh; Consulting Physician, Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Children, etc.

I, MELVILLE CRESCENT,
EDINBURGH;

May 31st, 1900.

IT is not only necessary that a professor possess a complete and thorough knowledge of the subject upon which he is to teach, but that he also has the ability to convey to others the information he has gained in a pleasing manner, and in such style as to arrest and fix the attention of his audience.

For the first requirement of a Professor of Medicine, Dr. ALEXANDER MORISON has shown that he is richly endowed with the knowledge of his subject; and as concerns the second, he has also the power of satisfactorily communicating what he knows to others.

After a distinguished course as a student he graduated as Doctor of Medicine at Edinburgh with the highest honour the University can confer. He obtained one of the gold medals for his thesis on a medical subject, 'Dextral Valvular Disease of the Heart.'

He has likewise studied in various Continental schools, and there prosecuted original research. Since settling in London in medical practice he has directed his attention to such work as to fit him for filling a professional Chair in Medicine.

In pursuance of this object he has undergone the examinations for the membership not only of the Royal College of Physicians of London, but also of Edinburgh.

On the latter occasion, having been one of the Board of his examiners, I can bear testimony to his excellent appearance as an examinee.

Ten years later I, as one of his audience, listened with pleasure and instruction to his lectures delivered before the Edinburgh College of Physicians on "The Relation of the Nervous System to Disease and Disorder in the Viscera."

His contributions to medical literature have been extensive, and, whilst largely bearing on affections and diseases of the heart, embrace also a variety of other subjects connected with the departments of Medicine, Pathology, and Physiology.

At a stage of life when a medical man has perfected himself for the duties of his profession, by study, observation, and research, Dr. ALEXANDER MORISON is now in his prime, and likely, therefore, if appointed to a University Chair, to discharge its important duties for many years with energy, not only as a systematic lecturer, but as a clinical teacher.

The University of Glasgow, were he appointed to the vacant Professorship of Medicine, for which he is a candidate, would have in him a grandson of a very distinguished Scottish psychologist, Sir Alexander Morison, and in himself a worthy and highly qualified successor to Sir W. T. Gairdner, for in my judgment he possesses all the necessary qualifications for a successful Professor of the Practice of Physic.

R. PEEL RITCHIE, M.D.

From T. S. CLOUSTON, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Physician Superintendent, Royal Asylum, Morningside, Edinburgh; Ex-President Medico-Psychological Association; late Morison Lecturer, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.

ROYAL ASYLUM, MORNINGSIDE,
EDINBURGH;
May 28th, 1900.

I HAD the privilege of listening to the Morison Lectures on 'The Nervous System in its Relation to Disease of the Viscera,' delivered by Dr. ALEXANDER MORISON before the College of Physicians here, and I have the greatest pleasure in saying that those Lectures were to me and to all who listened to them most instructive, highly original, and intensely interesting. Had Dr. MORISON done no other original work than that embodied in these Lectures he would be well entitled to aspire to the Glasgow Physic Chair. Unquestionably he is one of the first Neurologists in this country, and his work is well known abroad.

I cannot speak with any authority in regard to Dr. MORISON's other work, but no doubt others will do so.

I am quite sure that Dr. MORISON would make a sound and successful teacher if appointed to the Glasgow University Chair now vacant, and would keep up the great traditions of the office to be vacated by the head of our profession in Scotland, Sir William Gairdner.

T. S. CLOUSTON.

From ROBERT L. BOWLES, M.D., F.R.C.P., *Consulting Physician Folkestone Hospital; late President S.E. Branch British Medical Association, etc.*

16, UPPER BROOK STREET,
GROSVENOR SQUARE,
LONDON, W.; *June 7th, 1900.*

DEAR DR. MORISON,

I wish I could be of use to you in your candidature for the Chair of Physic in Glasgow, for, from the large amount of real clinical and original work that you have given to the profession, there can be no doubt of your fitness for so important a post. Your letter of application and list of contributions to medical literature are strikingly satisfactory.

I cannot forget, from a personal point of view, the truly honourable and judicial manner in which you dealt with the subject of Nauheim and Diseases of the Heart at a moment when the profession was much excited by extravagant reports of the wonders effected by the Nauheim treatment. As I had myself been over twice in two years on a mission of investigation, I felt myself competent to judge of what you had done and said, and I may truly say your account was fair, just, and scientific, and did much to steady the minds of the wavering, and induce them to adopt clear and reasonable views for the guidance of the public. With best wishes for your success, believe me,

Yours very truly,

ROBERT L. BOWLES.

P.S.—I hold very strong views of the great value to a Professor of Physic of a number of years spent in active general practice before entering the more academic work of Professor of Physic.

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